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WASHINGTON (AP) - VICE PRESIDENT WALTER F. MONDALE; DISAGREEING WITH THE NEWLY NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE CIA; IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE IS ''PERSONALLY OPPOSED'' TO IMPOSING CRIMINAL PENALTIES ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO PERMIT INTELLIGENCE SECRETS TO BECOME PUBLIC.

''I WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES;'' MONDALE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN SATURDAY'S EDITIONS OF THE WASHINGTON POST. ''I DON'T THINK IT WORKS AND I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD WORK.''

INSTEAD; HE SAID; HE WOULD SUPPORT SOME UNSPECIFIED FORM OF ''CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE.''

AT HIS RECENT SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS; THE NEWLY DESIGNATED CIA DIRECTOR; ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER; SAID HE WOULD ''CERTAINLY BE VERY AMENABLE'' TO DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING CRIMINAL LEGISLATION TO HALT LEAKS OF NATIONAL SECURITY SECRETS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

MONDALE' TOLD THE POST HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED THE ISSUE EITHER WITH TURNER OR PRESIDENT CARTER; WHO HAS SAID HE BELIEVES SUCH LEAKS COULD BE ''EXTREMELY DAMAGING.''

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